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Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 7th meeting, on 15 October 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.7).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for the periods from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996[1] and 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;[2]

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1996-1997, the indicative list for 1997-1998 and beyond and the internal roster (A/51/559 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/206);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1997-1998 and the preliminary programme of work for 1998-1999 (A/52/267);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/51/34).

[2] Ibid., *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/52/34).

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(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note by the Joint Inspection Unit dated 15 July 1998 regarding its decision to revert to the previous January-December cycle for its programme of work and to adjust its annual report to the same cycle (A/53/180);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1999 and the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2000 and beyond (A/53/841).

II. Consideration of a draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.5

4. At the 7th meeting, on 15 October 1999, the representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on the agenda item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" (A/C.5/54/L.5).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.5 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, hereafter referred to as the Unit, in particular resolution 50/233 of 7 June 1996,

Having considered the annual reports of the Unit for the periods 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996[3] and 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,[4] its programme of work for 1996-1997[5] and for 1997-1998,[6] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note by the Unit regarding the cycle for its programme of work[7] and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit,[8]

Reaffirming the statute of the Unit, the only independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Stressing again that the impact of the Unit on the cost-effectiveness of activities within the United Nations system is a shared responsibility of the Member States, the Unit and the secretariats of the participating organizations,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the annual reports of the Unit for the periods from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996[3] and 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,[4] of its programme of

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[4] Ibid., *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/52/34).
[5] See A/51/559 and Corr.1.
[6] See A/52/267.
[7] A/53/180.
[8] A/52/206.

work for 1996-1997,[5] for 1997-1998,[6] and for 1999,[9] of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note of the Unit regarding the cycle for its programme of work[7] and of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;[8]

2. *Invites* the Unit, while preparing its annual programme of work, to give priority to the reports requested by the participating organizations;

3. *Recognizes* the improvements made in the functioning of the Unit, encourages the Unit to continue its efforts in this respect, and decides to revert to the issue of the functioning of the Unit at its fifty-sixth session;

4. *Endorses* the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit, as contained in annex I to the annual report of the Unit for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,[2] and, in this connection, invites the Unit:

(a) To send reminders/notices for the implementation of recommendations to the executive heads;

(b) To include in its annual reports approved recommendations that have not been implemented;

5. *Requests* that the system be implemented expeditiously;

6. *Requests* the Unit to report on experience with the system, including action taken and comments made by participating organizations, to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

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[9] See A/53/841.